Dear Representative:

As a L.A. resident, I cannot express enough how XM has improved my drive time.

Not only is the entertainment top notch, but the recent addition of the traffic updates have helped my schedule several times.

Being able to know what is going on with the 405 or the 101 or the 10 freeways, allows me the knowledge in advance enough to make a change to my route saving me valuable time, and aggravation. If this is true for me, I'm sure it's true for other L.A. drivers.

As a former resident of Las Vegas, the home of the NAB convention, I remember reading about the NAB's "opinion" of XM. This article was back in 2002 Las Vegas Review Journal. The article was an interview of one of the heads of NAB. When asked about XM Satellite Radio, the NAB rep went on to give false information about XM in order to slant a negative bias! I know this because I have been a subscriber since 2001. The things quoted by him in that article were simply untrue. Since then I have been concerned about NAB's integrity regarding this new technology.

I began my XM subscription back in Sept. 2001, literally on Sept. 10! As you can imagine, it was very satisfying to know I had major news channels accessible to me during the 911 tragedies and resulting terror alerts. By carrying CNN and Fox News, etc., I felt that at any time I could listen to XM in my car for valuable updates on this crisis in our country. Since then, XM in conjunction with Delphi, has added the boombox. My boombox is sitting in my apartment in Hollywood, stocked with batteries. I know that in an emergency of any kind, I will have valuable news accessible to me and my roommate. My fiance' in Manhattan just purchased a boombox for the same reason, entertainment, and as a backup, security in knowing he has nationwide updates.

XM is worth every penny! XM Satellite Radio respects the art of music and entertainment. For NAB to say XM is infringing on FM would be like saying cable tv is infringing on the Networks, and the internet is infringing on the telephone. It's just advancement of technology. One advancement that I am grateful for!

Sincerely, Anna Wendt